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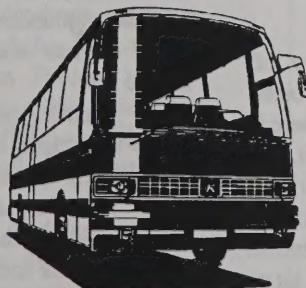


Hi gang! Spring is just around the corner, and there are several things up and coming with the FWRC.

The first FWRC Dayton Hamvention Bus Trip is scheduled to leave Ft. Wayne on May 18th. Your ticket for the bus trip is ONLY \$15.00. The Luxury Liner is filling up. DON'T DELAY!! To get your ticket send your check for \$15.00 to :

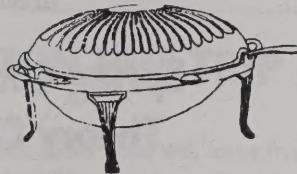
FWRC BUS TRIP
4661 TRIER RD
FT WAYNE, IN 46815

This is all you need to do. Your admission ticket to the hamfest will be purchased by the club in advance at a discounted price and pass the savings on to you. We're looking forward to a real good time and a great opportunity to visit the largest hamfest in the world. We will be stopping for dinner on the way home. AAAAALLLLL ABOARD!!



The FWRC Spring Banquet is coming up in May. Normally we have our banquet on the third Friday of the month. This year it will be held one

week earlier. May the 10th to be exact. The reason for the change is due to the change in the date for the Dayton Hamfest. Our banquet would be the night before and some of us would miss out I'm sure.



Our guest speakers for this years banquet will be two ladies. Jennifer Trich and Nancy Roger of Ft. Wayne's own WGL Talk Radio. Jennifer and Nancy host a morning talk show on WGL. If you're not familiar with the duo, I suggest tuning in. I think you will like the wide diversity of topics.



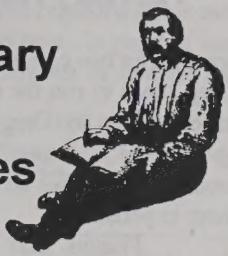
This months program for the FWRC will be, "All about Computers". Jim Jones and Greg Jones a father and son team will give a presentation on computers and how they have evolved over the years. Jim and Greg will be answering your questions regarding computers. We were lucky enough to have Jim and Greg on our first FWRC Computer Net which was a great success. The net is bi-weekly on Wednesday nights at 8:00 pm on the 146.94 repeater. If you have ATV receive capabilities you can also watch.

That does it for this months Cliff Hanger. I'll see you on the radio.

Saloon for now, 73'

Cliffie N9MKB

February 1996 Minutes



The following are the recorded minutes of the Fort Wayne Radio Club:

The February meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Salem Church of Christ on 16 February, 1996. About 45 people were in attendance; the meeting was started by President Cliff Shreve about 19:45 local. The minutes were approved as read. Treasurer Carl Rittenhouse provided a Treasurer's report dated 16 February as follows:

General account balance \$6868.42 (includes \$743.50 in the Ladies account). Hamfest account balance \$1150.00 Repeater account balance \$2354.44

Cliff asked for volunteers to staff a small committee tasked to develop ideas on how to utilize our newest asset, the 146.94 repeater. If interested in serving, contact Cliff. Bill Hall announced that the FWRC has a table at the upcoming Ft. Wayne Sports, Vacation and Boat Show that will be held at the Coliseum. The club will display DX via QSL cards, will exhibit ATV, a working packet station, and will show Amateur Radio promotional videos. Volunteers will work 2 hour shifts and will receive a free pass to get into the show.

Cliff told us about the new "Computer Net" that will be premiering on 146.94 on Weds, February 21 starting at 20:00 hours. This net will be run every other week initially and is intended to provide a source of information and a means to answer any questions you might have regarding computers. Cliff has

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arranged for two computer experts, Jim and Greg Jones to run the net and provide the expertise. Jim and Greg will be the featured speakers at next month's club meeting, so members may have an opportunity to meet them in person.

Francis Barr told us about the Voice of America (VOA) facility in Manson, Ohio (just north of Cincinnati) that may be available for tours by the club. The site is situated on 730 acres, and has an antenna farm consisting of 8 curtains, 22 rhombics and an RF plant that houses 10 transmitters capable of producing as much as 1.4 M watts. Francis plans to determine if we could in fact tour the facility, and if so he is willing to arrange same if there is enough club interest.

Cliff announced that arrangements for the bus trip to and from the Dayton Hamfest are coming together nicely. The bus (47 seats, 7 cargo bays) will depart from the Salem Church parking lot at 04:00 on Saturday, May 14th and arrive at the Hamfest about the time the doors open. There will be coffee and donuts on board and Hamfest tickets will be available at a \$3.00 discount to the Hamfest box office price. Details of the arrangements are contained in the January Hamsplatter.

Cliff and Dave Beltz noted that the FWRC Hamfest is THE means for producing revenue for the club. Last year's Hamfest represented an income of \$5300. This allows the club to support its various operational and social activities, the Repeaters, and so forth. Dave Beltz has volunteered to coordinate this year's hamfest, but he cannot do it all by himself. Volunteers are needed. Dave noted that members had come forward to help head up most of the activities with the exception of the task of Vendor Ticket/Table Sales. A volunteer to head this most important function is needed as soon as possible. If we cannot find someone to take this task on soon, it might be necessary to hire a professional, and if that becomes necessary, the cost for doing so will significantly reduce the resultant income to the club.

Following the business meeting, Cliff introduced Lynn Patton, Director of the Northeast Indiana Medical Response Team who told us about the function of the organization and described some of the

adventures of the team during recent forays into the field. This organization is heavily dependent upon effective communications and would be eager to include more amateurs in their midst.

*Respectfully submitted
Al Burke, WB9SSE*

Spring Code and Theory Classes

Novice and Technician theory (elements 2 and 3A) along with 5 WPM code will be taught this spring. Tentative starting date is April 1, 1996 at the ITT Tech classroom building on Coldwater Rd next to Red Lobster. Classes will meet every Monday and Thursday evening from 7 to 9pm, and will run for six weeks. As a service to the Ham community, the FWRC does not charge tuition fees. Students are encouraged to pick up a copy of "Now You're Talking", at any Radio Shack store, or through any ARRL publication mail order business.

If there is enough interest, we will offer GENERAL class theory starting in the fall classes. Please contact Kris, KF9AW at 486-7324 (evenings) to register.

And Now a Word About Dues.

March is the month where we cut off expired memberships from the roster. Please check your mailing label. If there is a "LAST ISSUE - DUES" notice on it, you will be at risk of being cut off. As your overworked radio club staff, we are prone to clerical errors. If we have failed to update your dues status, please contact us and let us know before March 5, 1996.

Old Tyme Chatter

-Ted Clifton, W9TC

It's time for a test to see if you have been reading the OTC History. If the Club held a "Show and Tell," would you be able to identify the following members, or former members?

- 1- Member who was the former Mayor of Ft. Wayne.
- 2- The two former members that designed, built and placed in operation Ft. Wayne's first police radio system.
- 3- Two former members who demonstrated to the Ft Wayne Public the first TV in Fort Wayne. Give call letters of Fort Wayne's first TV station. (note not WKJG).
- 4- Former member who is president of the largest Amateur Radio Equipment mfg. Co, in USA.
- 5- Former member who was an Honor Student of IL - U, who built and operated the first Amateur SSB station in our area.
- 6- Name at least three of our members who have been inducted into the "Order of Woff Hong".
- 7- Member who has proved they are descended from Emperor Charlemagne, born 740 AD.
- 8- Former member who was the first Fort Wayne airport controller. Airport located on the Lima road on the Buecker farm.
- 9- Former female member who was a High Wire Artist with Barnum & Baily Circus.
- 10- Former member who was one of two FWRC members to be SCM or SM of Indiana, who was awarded the Silver Star in WWI. He was the first net control of the IN phone net.
- 11- Former member who was Fort Wayne city golf champion for two years.
- 12- First Fort Wayne Radio announcer to make announcement under water.
- 13- Former member whose sister was a Movie Star.
- 14- Former member who stalled out while working at the top of his tower and was rescued by the Fort Wayne Fire Dept.
- 15- Present member who was a meteorologist with the Air Force.
- 14- Former member who used the first beam antenna in the Fort Wayne area, 8KJ design.
- 15- Member who was a grad of PU who placed the first two meter repeater system in Fort Wayne.
- 16- Former member who was made a Captain in the field during the battle of Guadalcanal.
- 17- Name of Cat who held a paid up membership card issued by the FWRC.

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Back to our history lesson: On April 25, 1874, there had been born in Bologna of an Irish mother and an Italian father, a child they had named Guglielmo. In his youth he studied at Leghorn Technical School, and early became a disciple of Professor Righi of the University of Bologna, who had for several years been an active experimenter with inductive telegraphy. At the age of twenty, he Marconi began experimenting with electric wave phenomena on his father's large estate just outside of Bologna. From that work grew the art of radio as we know it today.

Marconi did not invent any new devices. He simply adapted the inventions of many other men, eliminated some of their laboratory defects, and continued them into a workable communications system. He took Righi's Version of the Hertzian oscillator and used it for his transmitter; he took the coherer, which was a tube filled with metal filings with connecting plugs at each end - discovered by Hughes in 1878, then re-discovered by Branly -- and used it for his receiver, later patenting it; but most important of all, he adopted modified versions of Loomis's aerial and radiated the Electromagnetic oscillations along the surface of the earth for increasingly greater distances.

In 1896 he took the entire system to England and there, on Salisbury Plain, he sent and received a wireless message over a distance of two miles. On June 2, 1896, he filed his patent applications in the British Patent Office. In July his work was noticed by Sir William Preece, who became at once of his ardent friend, admirer, and sponsor. All this combined to draw the attention of the scientific world.

With somewhat understandable resentment and jealousy, these bearded scientists ~who had been working on the problem for years began to describe Marconi as a charlatan. He had invented nothing new, they said; he had only used the devices they had invented, and with which everyone was familiar. Now, 3 years out of his teens, he who had played no part in their discovery offered these devices to the world of science and proposed to patent them. No wonder the scientists were shocked. Branly, in

particular, keenly resented Marconi's patenting the coherer, which he regarded as his own invention. It is difficult to say just how much weight these accusations bear. In point of fact, Marconi's patents were based not so much on the individual devices as that he had combined them into a practicable communications system.

DAYTON BUS TRIP Registration Form

May 18th, 1996. Bus will leave from Salem Church on Lake ave, Fort Wayne at 4:00am, arrive at Dayton at 8:00am local time, leave Dayton at 5:00pm local time, and arrive back at Fort Wayne around 8:00-9:00pm, stopping for dinner on the way back.

The trip is open to all FWRC members, family and friends. Cost is \$15 per person for the transportation. Admission ticket to the Hamfest is extra, and can be reserved for you at a discount. All registrations must be received by April 15, 1996. There will be no refunds for cancellations, but you may transfer your reservation if you can find someone to "buy" your spot. Call Cliff, N9MKB at 483-7570 for any additional information, questions. There are 18 seats still available as of March 1st.

NAME(S) of persons riding:

YOUR ADDRESS:

Your Phone Number:

Total persons _____ X \$15.00 = _____ Due

Please Reserve for me _____ Discount Admission Tickets

Mail this form to:

FWRC BUS TRIP
4661 Trier Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Ham Immigrant's Log

Submitted by Cliff, N9MKB

Aug 12 Moved to our new home in Indiana It is so beautiful here The hills are so majestic: Can hardly wait to see snow covering them.

Oct. 14 Indiana is the most beautiful place on earth. The leaves are turned all the colors and shades of red and orange. Went for a ride through the beautiful hills and saw some deer. They are so graceful certainly they are the most wonderful animal on earth This must be paradise. I love it here.



Nov 11 Deer season will start soon. I can't imagine anyone wanting to kill such a gorgeous creature. Hope it will snow soon. I love it here

Dec. 1 It snowed last night. Woke up to find everything blanketed with white. It looks like a picture postcard. We went outside and cleared the snow off the steps and shoveled the driveway. We had a snowball fight (I won), and when the snow-plow came by, we had to shovel the drive-way again. I love it here.

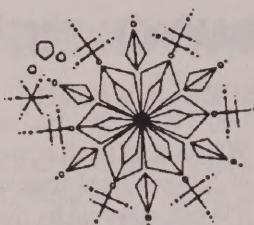
Dec. 12 More snow last night. I love it. The snow-plow did his trick again to the drive-way. I love it here.

Dec 19 More snow last night. Couldn't get out of the drive-way to get to work. I'm exhausted from shoveling.

Dec. 22 More of the white crap fell last night. I've got blisters on my hands from shoveling I think the snow-plow hides around the curve and waits until I'm done shoveling the drive-way.

Dec. 25 Merry Christmas. More friggen snow. If I ever get my hands on the SOB who drives that snow-plow I swear I'll kill the bastard. Don't know why they don't use more salt on the roads to melt all that ice.

Dec. 27 More white crap last night. Been inside for three days except for shoveling out the drive way after that snow-plow goes through every time. Can't go anywhere, car's stuck in a mountain of the white stuff. The weatherman says to expect another 10" of it again tonight. Do you know how many shovels full of snow 10" is?

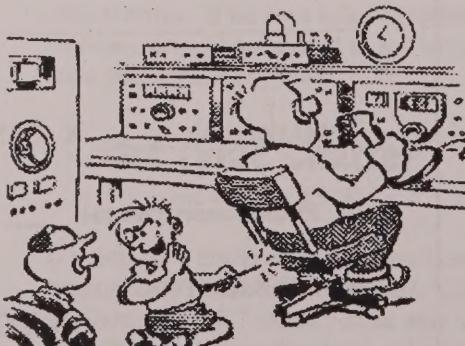


Dec. 29 The stupid weatherman was wrong We got 33" of that white stuff this time. At this rate it won't melt before summer. The snow-plow got stuck in the road, and that sucker came to our door and asked to borrow our shovel. After I told him I had broken six shovels already, shoveling all that crap that he had pushed into our drive-way, I broke my last one over his head

Jan 4 Finally got out of the house today. Went to the store to get food and on the way back a damn deer ran in front of the car and I hit it. Did about \$3000 damage to the car Those dumb beasts should be killed. Wish the hunters had killed them all last November.

May 3 Took the car to the garage in town. Would you believe the thing is rusting out all over, from that salt they put all over the road.

May 10 Moved to Florida. I can't imagine why anyone in their right mind would ever live in the God forsaken State of Indiana!!!



THE LAST TIME I DID THIS, HE BLEW OUT A PAIR OF SIIA MODULATORS

The Amateurs

by Edgar A Guest

Submitted by Bill, WA9RAP

There's something about them you've got to admire;

They work for the love of the task, not for hire.

Every one of them's blessed with the heart of a boy;

What's a job, to the drudge, unto them is a joy.

While we, to our regular schedules are keeping,

The amateurs do without eating and sleeping.

They worry their wives, since so short is the day;

They don't get to bed when they should, but they stay,

Sending calls on the air; catching calls from afar,

And I think, as I hear them now, how patient they are!

How much better we'd work here, if only we knew it,

In that amateur spirit of wanting to do it.

Professionals, weary, sometimes, and they shirk,

Since they're paid to perform, they look on it as work.

They begin with reluctance; they're glad when they're through,

And they measure, in money, whatever they do.

But the amateur never begrudges a minute;

He goes to the job for the joy that is in it.

So here's to the amateurs, brave-hearted throng!

Though short be their waves, may their lives all be long!

May the wisdom they gain, and the joys which they reap;

Make up for the nights when they go without sleep!

And may we, in the spirit of deep understanding;

Of work and its joy, keep our amateur standing!

For Sale:

* 10m beam 24ft boom w/
vert-horizontal rotor.
Still on tower \$100.

66DX Hy-gain 6m beam.
6 element 24ft boom.
On ground. \$100.

Contact N9RDZ, Claude 745-7401 evenings.

* Yaesu 900AT \$1719 new, asking \$1250.

Contact N9IGY, Ken 219-436-7130

Do you have an interesting article, news item, or cartoon which you can contribute to the Hamsplatter? Do you have some spare equipment collecting dust that you want to sell? If so, please contact me, Kris, KF9AW. My day phone is 487-3286, evenings 486-7324. Packet messages can be directed to me on 144.97 W9INX

The deadline for submissions to the March Hamsplatter is February 29, 1996!

1996 MEMBERSHIP DATA: (Give this form to the treasurer at any FWRC meeting or mail to address below)

NAME _____ CALL _____ CLASS: N T G A E

MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME TELEPHONE # () _____ WORK TELEPHONE # () _____

SHALL WE LIST YOUR ADDR/PHONE# IN MEMBER ROSTER? Y N ARRL MEMBER? Y N

MEMBERSHIP TERM: (JAN-DEC) (JULY-DEC July 1-Dec 31 ONLY)

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$21.00/yr \$10.50/yr immediate family(list all calls)

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: \$15.00/yr \$7.50/yr licensed member

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: \$ 6.00/yr \$3.00/yr full time student

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: \$15.00/yr \$7.50/yr unlicensed member

YOUR CHECK NUMBER # _____ PLEASE PAY BY CHECK, IT'S EASIER FOR BOTH OF US!

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Provided at no cost to club members, this handbook provides a full set of information about present and past Club activities, events, and functions. The handbook is available in a clear cover binder, and is upgradeable by easy insertion of new pages into the three-hole binder. We will be issuing a new edition in May, 1995.

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